



Docket No.: 1185.1018/MCS

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Kayoko MASAKI et al.

Serial No. 08/772,259

Filed: December 23, 1996

Group Art Unit: 2507

Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: LIGHT CONTROL ELEMENT AND SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF  
SIDE LIGHT TYPE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This Preliminary Amendment is concurrently being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) of Serial No. 08/772,259 and is in response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 1998, and having a period for response set to expire on August 6, 1998. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 6, 1998. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 14, after "reduce" insert --the thickness of--;  
line 15, delete "in thickness for";  
line 16, change "use" to --used--;